

A1 The present invention relates to a novel hard coat film, more particularly a hard coat film having excellent resistance to impact and weather, and suitable for being stuck on external surfaces, in particular those of window panes and plastic boards for windows.

On page 1, please delete the second complete paragraph and insert the following replacement paragraph:

It is known to apply plastic films on window panes and plastic boards for windows for various purposes. For example, sunlight entering a room through a window pane contains ultraviolet and infrared rays, in addition to visible rays. The ultraviolet rays in sunlight causes sunburn. Its adverse effects on a human body have been recently pointed out, and it is well known that it deteriorates a packing material and content thereof. The infrared rays in sunlight, on the other hand, increase temperature in a room by direct sunlight, lowering an air-conditioning effect in summer. In order to avoid these undesirable effects, window panes and plastic boards for windows are covered with an ultraviolet- or infrared-shielding film. They are also frequently covered with a film for view-obstructing purposes, or for preventing fragment scattering when the window pane is broken by a hazard, e.g., earthquake. The above films for shielding ultraviolet or infrared rays, or for view obstruction also have an effect of preventing fragment scattering.

On page 2, please delete the first complete paragraph and insert the following replacement paragraph:

A2 More recently, use of the above-described plastic films has been studied, to protect window panes of vehicles running at a high speed. For example, a train generates a high wind pressure when it is passing through a tunnel, thus blowing off pebbles and snow blocks which may directly attack the train's window panes. The plastic film for preventing

A3 the above troubles is especially required to be high resistant to impact, and also to be highly resistant to weather because it is put in service continuously under severe conditions.

On page 4, please delete the section headings "BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" and "Object of the Invention".

On page 4, delete the first complete paragraph and insert the following replacement paragraph:

A4 In order to solve the above problems, the present invention provides a preferably transparent hard coat film having excellent resistance to impact and weather and high surface hardness, which is particularly suitable for application, as by sticking on external surfaces, such as, for example, on window panes or plastic boards for windows.

On page 4, before the second complete paragraph, amend the section heading "Summary of the Invention" to read as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 5, please delete the second and third complete paragraphs and insert the following replacement paragraphs:

A5 The hard coat film of the present invention is suitably used by sticking the hard coat film on the external surfaces, e.g., those of window panes and plastic boards for windows.

The hard coat film of the present invention, having the above-mentioned unique structure, is resistant to impact and weather, high in surface hardness, and in particular suitable for application on external surfaces of window panes or plastic boards for windows.

On page 6, please amend the first section heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS" to read as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On page 6, please delete the second complete paragraph and insert the following replacement paragraph:

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The present invention will be described in detail below.

On page 6, please delete the fourth complete paragraph and insert the following replacement paragraph:

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The multi-layered base for the present invention may be a laminated film of the same resin films or different resin films. The number of these films is not limited, so long as two or more films are used.

On page 19, before the first complete paragraph, please delete the section heading "EFFECT OF THE INVENTION"

On page 19, please delete the first complete paragraph and insert the following replacement paragraph:

It will, thus, be understood that the hard coat film of the present invention, having the above-mentioned unique structure, is resistant to impact and weather, high in surface hardness, and in particular suitable for being stuck on the external surfaces, e.g., those of window panes or plastic boards for windows.

On page 22, please delete the first and second complete paragraphs and insert the following replacement paragraphs:

The polyethylene terephthalate film surface of Material 2 was provided with an 8 μ m thick acrylic-based adhesive layer, on which the 50 μ m thick polyethylene terephthalate film (the same as that described above) was attached in the same manner, to prepare the laminated film. This laminated film is referred to as Material 3.

The same procedure was repeated to form an 8 μ m thick acrylic-based adhesive layer, on which the 50 μ m thick polyethylene terephthalate film (the same as that described